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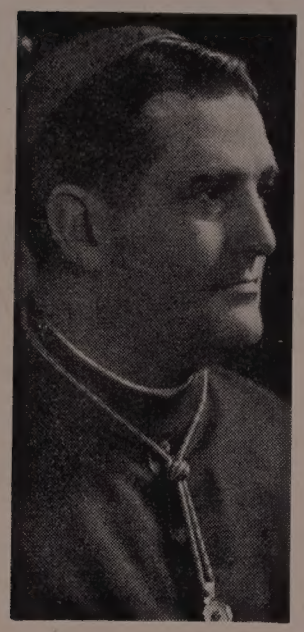
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



MOST REVEREND JOHN J. WRIGHT, D.D.

Bishop Wright Offers Mass For Teachers

On Friday, November third, the Worcester County Teachers Association held its annual convention at the Municipal Auditorium. Before this all-day meeting, a Mass was held at St. Paul's Cathedral for the teachers attending the conference.

Reverend John Wright, Bishop of the new Catholic diocese of Worcester, offered the Mass, then spoke to those assembled.

The upper church of the Cathedral was the scene of this eloquent feature of the convention. Approximately twelve-hundred people took part in the service. Most of the Elementary division students of the Junior class were present, with the Senior secondaries who are out apprentice teaching.

On the completion of the Ordinary of the Mass, Bishop Wright stepped to the center of the altar and spoke to the teachers and future teachers, who anxiously awaited his message. In brief, the talk contained his thoughts upon the position of the teacher in our society and upon the position of the teacher in relation to Jesus Christ. Bishop Wright compared the work of Christ with present day efforts of the good teacher, because he said, "Christ also was a teacher." Thus he placed the importance of the teacher in present society very high. He also thanked the teacher for giving to God so many men as priests through their careful guidance and understanding. Many converts also were credited to the instructor. Finally, in his

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Teachers Hear Dr. Sacher and Dr. Hawkes At Annual Convention

More than one hundred students from this college, with the teachers of Worcester County, took part in the annual teachers convention Friday, November third.

A very fine and useful book exhibit was the center of attraction for the S. T. C. students during the business meeting, since these future teachers were not directly concerned with the business at hand. The leading book companies had sent salesmen who set up large and varied displays of useful teacher material. Much free material was obtained by the students.

Those who attended the conference heard two interesting and enlightening talks by leaders in education in Massachusetts.

In the morning Dr. Hawkes, who is familiar to all students at our college since his excellent lecture in November, spoke on teacher-pupil-parent relationships. His subject, of general interest to all those present, was made very entertaining by his presentation. He used humorous anecdotes as illustrations, and was most successful in this approach.

Dr. Abram Sacher, President of Brandeis University, was the principal speaker in the afternoon. He spoke on the subject, "In Defense of Tomorrow". In this talk he tried to express his hopes that teachers would not let the world continue to grow more pessimistic. He felt that too many youths had given up all hope and a desire to be successful in a degrading world. The speaker explained that the teacher could improve this situation by guidance and wise counsel. The college president spoke most eloquently; his audience was most sympathetic and learned a great deal from his speech.

From the comments and conversations heard after the completion of the conference, it is obvious that it was enjoyed by all attending. Such conventions show that the teaching profession is made up of dynamic and humanitarian people who struggle to secure the most for all those in their care.

Assemblies a Feature of November

Richard L. Gravel

First it's there, now it isn't! Mr. Gravel, on December first, proceeded to mystify and baffle his audience to their complete bewilderment. He began by stating that, "All magic is fantasy." By Richard Gravel's excellent performance we are inclined to agree.

First he made a rabbit appear from nowhere. Then with the assistance of Mary Celona and Paul Brosnahan, an egg disappeared into the universe by the use of a "gulley-gulley" bag.

We all looked in awe at the wishing box and were completely intrigued by the number trick. The program was concluded by the Hindu Circle with the aid of Vincent Mara and President Sullivan.

Paul Tibbetts and Wilfred Churchill

How lovely music can be! State Teachers' College students were entertained by Paul Tibbetts and Wilfred Churchill on November 24, 1950. Their repertoire consisted of such fine songs as: "Preach Not Me Your Musty Rules" by Doctor Arne; "If Music Be the Food of Love", and "Man for Woman Made" by Purcell; also, three folk songs. The folk songs consisted of "Cockles and Mussels" by Arden; "The Sally Garden" by Butten. Mister Tibbetts ended his program with old favorites like "Shenandoah."

Mr. Churchill played "Liebestraum" by Liszt; "Juba Dance" by Dett; and "Oberstern—Odwmeinholder" by Tannhauser.

Mr. Tibbetts wrote a letter to Miss Kendrick expressing his sincere joy in singing to such a "live audience." His last paragraph was exceptionally well phrased, "We have a great obligation as both teachers and professors to coming generations, and by holding to a high standard we can fulfill that obligation."

Dolores Didonna

Thursday, December 7th, was a day of pleasant memories and fond farewells, especially for the Juniors. On that day, Dolores Didonna, a former member of the Junior class, came as a guest singer to the assembly program.

Her lovely voice in the strains of "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes", "When You Remember Me", and "White Christmas" recalled other days when that same voice graced our teas, parties, and Glee Club concerts.

Dolores deprived us of her talents, and her beauty, this year when she decided to answer a call to the religious life. In January she will enter as a novice into the convent of the Sisters of Mercy. Although some of us may never see her again, her sweet manner and angelic loveliness have left an impression upon our minds and hearts which will not soon be erased. We know that Dolores will be a wonderful Nun.

The Festival of Lights

By Natalie Mankovitz

This year the days between December 4 and 10 were set aside by the Jewish people as Hanukah, or the Jewish Christmas, as it is sometimes called. Hanukah commemorates the Maccabean victory over Antiochus, the Greek ruler, twenty-one centuries ago.

Different tales are told of the origin of the Festival of Lights. It is said that the repeating of the ceremony of lighting an additional candle for each day the holiday precedes, (until eight candles are lit), stems from the miracle of the cruse of oil. When the Hasmoneans overcame the Syrians and rebuilt the Temple, they found that there was only one flask of oil. It contained oil enough for one day, but a miracle took place, and the oil burned for eight days. Thenceforth, each succeeding year at the same time, people gathered to celebrate and to sing songs of praise and of thanksgiving to God, who had delivered them.

The significance of this holiday is in the dedication ceremony. In medieval days, torches were used when the joyous Jews marched through the streets singing songs of liberty and of freedom. They praised God for aiding them against the evils of Antiochus, who wanted them to relinquish monotheism and pray to Greek Gods. The leader of this religious revolt was Judah Maccabean, who is one of the greatest Jewish heroes.

The holiday is celebrated by the family gathering at sunset to light an additional candle on the *Menorah* and to retell traditional stories of the heroes and the heroines who delivered the Jewish people in medieval days. Games are played by the children, and gifts are presented.

The importance of the holiday of Hanukah is the fact that the Jewish people make up the oldest nation in the world, having originated in 5711 B. C., and have

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From the President

Sometimes in this modern world we think of Christmas as a holiday instead of a time of spirituality. A slight amount of contemplation will bring us back to the original idea of Christmas. In most of Europe this day is known as Christ's Birthday. The very name causes people to remember its real significance.

The use of the Christmas tree and the exchange of Christmas cards are customs which have been introduced in modern times. Before these new innovations, the story of the birth of Christ was dramatized in the form of Nativity Plays in which Carols were sung. Many of these plays no longer exist; but many of the Carols, some of which have come down from antiquity, we still sing. Other Carols have been written fairly recently. These Carols contain the real spirit of Christmas.

May we pray that the spirit of peace and good will to men that permeates the verses of the Carols will spread over the entire earth and bring peace to all peoples, for only in a peaceful world can we have national tranquility and personal serenity.

Mrs. Sullivan and I extend our warmest personal wishes to all members of the Worcester State Teachers College for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

From The "Acorn"

The editor, the staff, and the faculty adviser of the Acorn extend to you the very best of greetings at this holy season!

Remember, however, that "finals" are less than three weeks away upon your return from the Christmas Holiday. After you have stuffed yourselves with turkey, and returned all the unuseable presents, you'd best sharpen the old wit and spend a little time in preparation for the "big quiz".

Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all!

Acorn Calls for Return of Faculty Assemblies

The Acorn wishes to express to the faculty a plea that they will again take the platform one day a week as they have in days gone by. Many, many students have requested that the paper try to express a vote of public opinion in favor of the return of Faculty day. Students have been doing a splendid job of entertaining for

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Editorial

"Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will!" Thus spoke the angels to the world on the night of the birth of Jesus Christ. A Savior of mankind was born to die so that Man (if he proved himself worthy) might again enter Heaven.

Man has since forgotten the mission of the Lord, and is returning to the animal stage of avarice and hate. The world has become too interested in the material elements of life, and too bored with its own meager attempts to retain some interest in the spiritual needs of man.

Too wrapped up in the commercialization of a sacred season to look inside the superficial cover, human beings have let this most holy time become merely a jovial period of getting together to exchange material objects, not to exchange spiritual greetings. It is a period of rejoicing, but only because an Infant would soon be Man enough to save us from eternal damnation.

Our Savior was born amid the most humble settings to instil in us the humility of man in the presence of the Almighty. Humility has become too small a part of us. Even at Christmas we are not always humble.

The lack of good will has brought upon the world nothing but chaos and destruction since before the time of written history. When will we learn to have the right feeling for our fellow beings? We know that then—and then only—shall we obtain peace, yet we do not take the steps to reach that peace!

God wanted this earth to be a place upon which man might live spiritually in a wonderful environment, otherwise He would not have made the world so beautiful and so fruitful. Why cannot we live up to His expectations?

Let us begin this Christmas to live the lives of people who know what Christ did for us, and who will live up to the standards set for us so that we will not need another savior to keep us from everlasting damnation!

New England Christmas

By Gerald Sandler

I saw the valley filled with snow.
I watched the cold December blow,
In North winds seeking out the homes,
Where warmth reigned high; and fire foams
From out the fireplaces. Of winter she had no care,
And thought not if it stung the mare;
Or sent the chickens huddling close;
Or made the worn trees stand morose.
She answered: "This is not my domain.
Mine runs from wall, door, and pane!"
I watched the grey smoke go winding
Up the chimney; then, in finding
The open air, go meet it madly—
To chill, dissolve, leaving sadly
A memory of lighter days than now,
Of frail May's reborn green leaf and bough.

The plains stretched on for mile on mile,
In a broadening, strengthening smile on smile.
O'er all a bell rang out; the clear notes climbed
The mountain heights; the Christmas coming chimed.
The field that had sported a fir-tree air,
Was divested of raiment, with none to spare.
An older brother with great axe in hand,
With permission by father, in manner grand
Proceeded to conquer the rugged ways
Of a stunted pine, for Christmas days.
Romantic sister with splendid fury
Had hoped to please the spirit jury;
Now, she awaited reward and pleasure,
And, in a girl's way, them, to harbor and treasure.
I watched the gaiety grow and subside,
I watched the gifts; how many politely lied
To keep the feeling everlasting.
But, these things were not in the casting;
A greater hand was to work its miracles.
The holiday was gone, and the pinnacles
That had been attained, began to wane,
A closing part, to a sweet refrain.
How wonderful it was, to be of cheer,
Renewed at Christmas time each year!

The houses stood now as darkened shades;
The lights put out, and all asleep,
And in the sky where daylight fades,
The stars shone from out the deep.
But, there to the east another one,
Its message to all unfurled;
Its light across the heavens shone—
Courage—in a dim and darkened world.

Acorn Boy of the Month

Sophomore Class

By Irene Butkiewicus

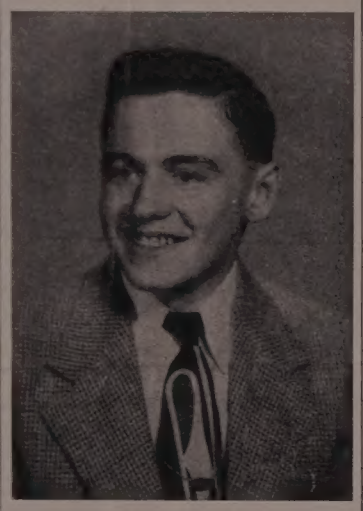
Why has Robert O'Brien been chosen as the personality boy of the month? That is easy to answer. His friendly personality, humor, and keen intellect have made him a friend to everyone.

His all around skill can be seen in the various sports. Football and basketball monopolize the picture.

Robert is a graduate of St. John's High School where he was nominated president of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade. This program included furthering Catholic Action among students. Since entering State Teachers, Robert has been a reliable member of the Newman Club.

Robert has also been in the Glee Club for two consecutive years.

Good humor, persuasiveness, intellect, and keen wit—these are the attributes which will make Robert a friend to everyone he may meet.



ROBERT O'BRIEN

Contemplations

By John Simpson

What ever happened to those old fashioned New England winters?

Why don't more of our students take in the better or finer aspects of enjoyment?

Should we fête our boys departing to the service of their country or will a precedent be started?

Some of our girls want cheer leaders; others, pre-game rallies. Where's our spirit, people?

Congratulations

To Bernard Dayutis on his recent marriage.

To Joan Sweeney for her forthcoming marriage.

To the Juniors and their Prom.

Belatedly to Paul Fidrych on his August marriage.

Assets

Richard Clifford and his apt debating,

Miss Gilbert and her simple enjoyments,

Gene Trainor and his co-öperative way,

Claire Owens and her great write-ups,

Richard Lang and Richard Turcotte to the Basketball team,

The ability to decorate of the Junior Girls,

Freshmen in the Glee Clubs,

Mr. Shea and his friendliness,

Richard Daly and his '50 Ford,

Al Gaucher and his kindliness,

Shirley Wallace and her monologues,

Adele Nalepa and her excellent soprano voice

Things New

Gym floor

P. A. System

Track team—maybe

Andrew O'Connell's "new" car

Plaid ties and skirts

Talent of the "Frosh"

Farnsworth's Famous

"Eye way is highway to history", and

"No sweat. No sweet"

A holy Christmas to all!

A happy vacation to everyone!

A healthful rest to most!

Freshman Dance Committee

General Chairman, Miss Carol Hoey.

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Acorn Girl of the Month

Sophomore Class

By Anne V. Rochette

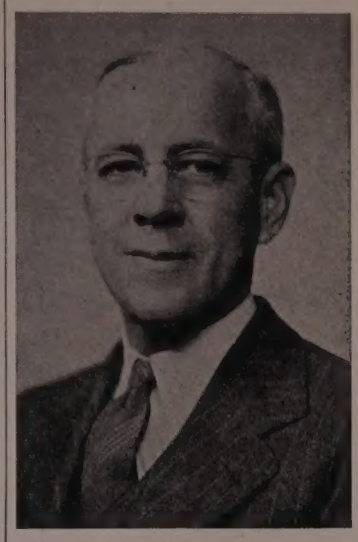
Did you hear someone laugh? Well, if that someone has red hair and twinkling blue eyes, chances are it is Claire Loughlin, for rarely is Claire seen without a grin.

However, she uses her voice for other purposes besides laughing. She is a talented singer and a member of the Girls' Glee Club. Piano-playing, tennis, swimming in the summer, and ice-skating in the winter, are some of her other interests.

Besides the Glee Club, Claire belongs to the Newman Club, (where she has served as her division's representative for two years), and to the A.C.E. On weekends she works in MacInnes' where she is fast becoming an expert in the art of selling baby-clothes.

Friendliness, vitality, good humor, versatility—all these qualities will combine to give Claire success in whatever pursuits she undertakes, now, and in the future.

CLAIRE LOUGHLIN



DR. EARL B. SHAW

Dr. Earl B. Shaw, Head of Geography Dept. at S. T. C. Since 1933

"The Time Passes, But The Work Remains" is the motto of one of S. T. C.'s busiest professors, Dr. Earl B. Shaw.

In the Fall of 1933, Dr. Earl B. Shaw came to the Worcester State Teachers College to head its Geography department.

Before this time, he had been in Worcester to get his Doctor's degree from Clark University. He came to our city from St. Louis where he had taken his undergraduate and graduate work, and had taught in the Geography Department at Washington University.

Dr. Shaw's present school schedule here at our college consists of six three hour courses for the upper classes. As if this were not enough work, he is also Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, a member of the publicity committee, and faculty adviser for the Geography Club.

At home Dr. Shaw makes use of available time to rest from his busy schedule; nevertheless he does take time to "punch the piano a little bit".

Dr. Shaw has done much for his profession aside from his teaching. He has contributed about fifty articles to different Geographic publications, including *The Geographic Review, Economic Geography,* and *The Journal of Geography.* He is an associate editor of the last two publications. He has also collaborated with other experts in the field in the authorization of two books, *American Empire* and *America At War.* Possibly one of his greatest contributions took place in Shrivenham, England, where he set up and directed the Department of Geography at the American University for Servicemen, between July 1945, and January 1946.

His traveling has been frequent and extensive. He has visited every continent except Australia and Antarctica and hopes to visit these two regions before too long.

Because of his capabilities as an administrator, Dr. Shaw was chosen president of the National Council of Geographers for the 1949-50 season. He is now a

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CHRISTMAS CONTRIBUTIONS

Christmas

By Alice Taber

The stars looked down upon the earth in amazement and in sadness. It was well over nineteen hundred years since one of their number had proclaimed the birth of the King of all mankind. They remembered the night well. Christina, a kind and gentle star, suddenly started to grow brighter and brighter with an inner light.

"Christina!" Care-Not, a neighboring star had said, "What is happening to you?"

"God has given me a mission. He has said that I shall proclaim the birth of His Son on the earth by reason of my great light."

"Oh," said Care-Not. "Why didn't he choose me, or Loveless?"

"I don't know," said Christina. "All I know is that He said He could use my light because He knew that I would want to do it. It makes me feel very warm to be so bright. Perhaps He thought that you would not like that."

"No, I certainly would not, but if it were for God's Son I could stand it, I guess. Tell me, Christina, why is He sending His Son to Earth? I thought God realized that He made a mistake when He made the earth and those strange creatures called people. Why should He let His precious Son live on earth?"

"Oh, Care-Not, God never makes mistakes. I thought you knew that. He loves those creatures called people. In fact, I think if His love were not infinite He would love them only. You see, He made them in His image, but they cannot understand what God meant them to be. Therefore, He will send His Son to tell them."

"But those people will not listen. God has spoken to them through other people. What are they called?"

"Prophets, you mean?"

"Yes."

"I know, but God is not ready to give up yet. He is sure the people will listen to His Son. How can people be bad after knowing the Son of God?"

"They will be," said the cynical Care-Not, who winked and blinked and went to sleep.

Christina did not sleep, however, but grew steadily brighter and brighter. The news traveled all over the Heavens. All the other stars were filled with the same joy and exultation as Christina, and shone clear and bright, but their brilliance was a mere fraction of Christina's.

Suddenly the Heavens broke forth in music. The angels were singing a glorious welcome to God's Son, born on earth that night.

Christina and her companions looked down upon the earth and saw a lowly stable. They watched shepherds and wise men come and worship God's Son in that lowly place.

Care-Not woke up and witnessed the scene with a grudging wonder.

"Why, Christina," asked Care-Not, "do you think God chose a stable for His Son's birthplace? The earth people consider wealth and pomp so important. I should think His Son would have been born in a palace."

"No, Care-Not, because God does not need the people's parade and ostentatious show to make His ways known. He wants them to know that worth is in character, not ornamentation. See—already they understand! Men with great earth riches, kings over many people and much property, are worshipping the King of kings! What a wonderful time this is! I am glad that I had some small part in proclaiming the birth of God's Son!"

The years passed, and Christina watched God's Son grow and become a man. She watched as crowds gathered to hear His words from God. She was hurt and disappointed when she saw people turn away from Him.

Rumors came back to the Heavens that all was not well on the earth, and that God was very sad, because the people could not understand the wisdom of His Son. Christina was very unhappy.

At last came the black day when the stars, not daring to show their light, looked down upon the earth and saw God's Son crucified. Christina wished that she was mortal and could die. How, how could people be so cruel? God would now have to give up. Even He could not love people who tried to destroy His Son.

But what was happening? Instead of returning immediately to His Father, God's Son was appearing again to those few who understood Him. Those people promised to tell those they met how much God loved them and how He wanted them to live in love and harmony with the other people of the earth.

Christina wondered what would happen. Maybe these people could make everyone else understand. Christina told Care-Not of her hope.

Care-Not scoffed at her. "They tried to destroy God's Son, didn't they? They'll destroy these people, too. There are very few of them."

"I'll still go on hoping," said Christina.

Christina watched through the centuries. She heard it mentioned that many of the people had assumed the name of God's Son—"Christians" they called themselves. They said they would do as God's Son had told them, and they built Churches in His honor.

Now, at last the earth would be inhabited with God-like people. They would follow God's laws of love and peace.

These Christians commemorated Christ's birth. They called it "Christmas" and at that time each year, Christina glowed a little brighter than usual in memory of her great mission. All the other stars were bright, too. Even as Christina sent forth her light, she was sad because the people on the earth were still acting in an unGod-like manner.

If, in this Christmas season, you see a star shining with a brilliance and purity unsurpassed, think of Christina trying to tell our weary, war-torn world that she remembers her mission. Have we forgotten ours?

The Empty Stocking

By Dolores Lord

Once upon a midnight clear, far off in the distant land of Egypt, there was a child's cry, a blazing star hovered over a stable, and wise men came with birthday gifts. This event happened centuries ago, but we have not forgotten that memorable eve. We celebrate it with stars hung on the Christmas tree, the ringing of the bells, and the giving of gifts.

We buy them, and wrap them, and put them under the tree. Dad receives his pipe and slippers; mother, her flowers and candy; sister, her scarves and gloves. We forget no one, adult nor child.

All the stockings are filled. All, that is, except one. We have even forgot to hang it up. A stocking for that Child born in the manger. It is His birthday we are celebrating. Let us not forget that fact.

Why not ask ourselves what He would most like? Why not give to Him loving kindness, warm hearts, and the stretched-out hand of tolerance? All these shining gifts make up the spirit of Christmas—"Peace on Earth, To Men of Good Will."

Christmas

By Anne V. Rochette

Christmas is a time for jingle bells and mistletoe; of Santa Claus and reindeer; of gay ornaments and green trees. But most of all, Christmas is a time for surprises. That's why, today, I have a surprise for you!

Excited? I thought you would be, because most of us have forgotten what it is to be surprised. We have forgotten the dancing butterflies that used to proclaim (at least to our digestive systems!) that the Christmas season had come again. Probably some of us do not even remember how we used to hang our largest stocking at the fireplace, anticipating joyously what it would hold in the morning! Furtive searching through forbidden closets, the allure of tissue paper rattling behind closed doors, the ushering in of mysterious packages, have all become a part of pleasant but passe memories. We have become so used to the wonderful, the unique, the beautiful, that we take all these things for granted. Some of us have even stopped believing in Santa Claus!

But all this retrospection is beside the point. Here we are all excited because of the surprise. Here it is—

From us—To you: A Merry Christmas!

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

By Robert Spayne

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day", and I lifted my eyes toward heaven; as a tribute to the Baby who lay in the manger so many years ago; as a tribute to the Boy, who was lost in the temples; as a tribute to the Man, who gave His life for the salvation of men's souls.

I visualized that beautiful scene in Bethlehem—Mary and Joseph, proud parents of the Child Jesus; sheep and cattle, proud to share their manger; the angels and the shepherds, proud to be of service to Him Whose coming was foretold; the three Magi, proud to bow before the true King.

It was peaceful escaping into that world, where wars were minor skirmishes, not world-wide; where people discussed the way of life, and not the way to war; where the current topic was "Did you see that beautiful star in the heavens, last night?"; and not, "Do you think that Russia will start World War three?"

I wished that our world could have known such peace as existed in the time of Christ's habitation on earth. I secretly prayed that God would "calm the troubled waters", as His Son did on the Sea of Galilee. Then I remembered Our Lady of Fatima's plea, that the world, especially Russia, should return to God. If it did not return to God, a horrible conflict would evolve. I recalled the terrible, bitter truth, that Russia still advocated the policy that the nation is God. There must not be any other god but the state.

That Christmas Day was an antithesis. It was so peaceful daydreaming; the international situation was so critical. I did not think that I would see another Christmas with some parts of the globe at peace. I shall see another Christmas Day, and I shall hear the Crusade for Freedom Bell, ringing in Berlin; I shall also hear the mission bells of Korea, ringing for the U. N. Forces dead. May the world return to God. May there be "peace on earth, good-will toward men."

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

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continued to live up to their traditions all these centuries in spite of continuous wandering and a constant persecution.

Thanks, Miss Shaw

By Robert Spayne

Thanks, Miss Shaw, for the excellent displays which have been gracing the rotunda. These displays are tributes to the genius of the students, and the capable guidance of S. T. C.'s art director.

The first two collections which were displayed were a group of modernistic schools and a group of futuristic homes. Many of the schools were of the type which are now being constructed in order to better educational facilities. The most original house, it seemed, was the home constructed of cake. The pink icing was trimmed with coconut, giving it a brick effect. It was the handiwork of Joan Bryson. These displays were projects of the Sophomores, divisions 1 and 2.

The third display was one which will affect almost everyone of us; Christmas wrapping. The paper was painted with finger paints, and the gifts were decorated with pine cones, Christmas tree balls, lifesavers, and multicolored ribbons. The most unique in this display was the gift, the front of which was wrapped in the design of a shirt, complete with a collar. Lifesavers served as buttons, and the paper had a green finish. These gift-wrapping displays were the genius of the Juniors.

Again, may we sincerely thank Miss Shaw, and the art students for helping to make our college a brighter place! A spot of color can break a melancholy mood.

Falling Leaves

By "Hank"

Snowflakes tiptoeing through the fallen leaves . . . elf-like Jack Frost, transforming windows into framed masterpieces . . . the moon, spotlighting an ermine-clad countryside . . . the night-sky, encrusted with its breathless collection of jewels . . . the golden rays of dawn, searching everywhere 'til each nook and cranny has felt its fond caress of warmth and tranquil quietness . . . deftly tufted cotton o'er the trees and shrubs . . . children's shouts of joyous glee at Christmas . . . these are but "falling leaves" in my book of memories.

BISHOP WRIGHT

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talk, the Bishop mentioned that many teachers had approached him concerning the formation of a teachers' guild formed after the fashion of the guilds presently in operation for lawyers and doctors. He expressed a fervent hope that we would follow through with this idea and form an active guild for members of the teaching profession.

With these thoughts in mind, we, as teachers of the future, entered the convention with a better spirit and a more hopeful belief in the future, because we saw more clearly the very important place of the teacher in any society which hopes to remain strong and independent.

CLUB NEWS

DEBATING SOCIETY NEWS

The Debating Society of Worcester State Teachers College started the season with rousing success by defeating the Clark University team at State Teachers' on November 16, 1950. The team won by a two to one decision. Arguing for the victorious affirmative team were Nancy Jones and Richard Clifford. Mr. Clifford was voted best speaker. Participating in the debate for Clark University, on the negative side of the national question, Resolved: That the non-communist nations should form a new international union, were Daniel Newman and Joseph Sumner. Mr. Newman and Mr. Sumner form the Clark negative team that won three out of four debates at the New England Forensic Conference in New Hampshire. Although Worcester State Teachers Debating Society was unable to attend the conference, they showed a fiery debating spirit by also defeating the Worcester Polytechnic Institute's affirmative debating team on November 30, 1950. The decision again was two to one in our favor, and Mr. Clifford again walked off with the honors of best speaker. Mr. George Reed, freshman, shared honors with Mr. Clifford.

At 4:00 P.M., December 7, 1950 at Holy Cross, W. S. T. C. lost the first debate of the year. Mrs. Rosalind Carpenter and Mr. Clifford argued valiantly, but had to bow before superior forces. Even the red dress Mrs. Carpenter so appropriately wore to warn of red communist aggression could not detract from Mr. Murphy's speech, which was voted the best of the debate.

Sometime in April, the Massachusetts Intercollegiate Student Legislature, made up of representatives from Becker Junior College, Smith, Wellesley, Salem Teachers, Springfield College, Simmons, Wheelock, University of Massachusetts, Boston University, M. I. T., and W. S. T. C., plan to take over the capitol and run a legislature made up of college students. The collegians will debate student prepared bills in public hearings, on the floors of the House and the Senate. Each college will be permitted to send a limited number of delegates to the legislature, but all students will be able to attend the public hearings and try to influence particular measures in one way or another. The possibility of student political and pressure groups organized for lobbying purposes has been discussed. The last meeting of the representatives from various colleges was at Smith on December 10. Those from W. S. T. C. who attended were Richard Clifford, Mary Simonelli, George Reed, Robert Barrows, and Bernice Gorman.

Temporary officers of the Student Legislature are John E. Swanstrom of Clark, chairman; Miss Bette Knapp of Smith, vice-chairman; and Jane Ross of Smith, secretary; Univ. of Mass. has charge of the treasury, Boston U. of Arrangements, Springfield College of Rules, and Salem and W. S. T. C. of Bills.

COMBINED GLEE CLUBS

How busy a schedule can a club fulfill? Three important events mark the calendar for the Glee Clubs during the fateful month of December.

There was a radio broadcast over W. O. R. C. Monday, December the eleventh at 6:00 P.M. This program dealt largely with the Christmas spirit; carols dominated the program.

On Sunday, December seventeenth at Cushing Hospital, Framingham, both Glee clubs gave a rendition of famous yuletide songs. Fred Waring's arrangement of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" was given. Featured in "The Night Before Christmas" were Soloists Sam DeFeo and William Munroe. Santa's five helpers were Virginia Harpell, Myrtle Leamy, Shirley Dodge, Virginia Bees, Martha Nason and Rita Powers.

Accompanists: Marion Sadick, Eileen Basiliere and Rita Powers.

Other Soloists: John Simpson, Shirley Dodge, Patricia Palmer, Virginia Harpell, Jacqueline Lupien, Vincent Mara and Wayne Rutherford.

GEOGRAPHY CLUB

At the last meeting of the Geography Club the following officers were elected: Frank Quitadamo, President; Thomas Farrey, Vice President; Al Gaucher, Secretary.

A planning committee was elected including the president and vice president, Francis Kelleher, Jeanette Shevchenko, and Thomas Todd.

The plans for the year include several movies, a speaker, a field trip, topical discussions on Alaska, Korea, and Tibet, and a Christmas party.

STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

The Student Christian Association held its monthly meeting November 21st. Rev. Bicket, the spiritual adviser, spoke in an interesting manner on "The Nature of God."

Plans were discussed for a December social meeting. Rev. Bicket invited the group to come to his church, the Congregational Church in Rutland for a Christmas party. His invitation was gladly accepted, and the party will be December 18th. There will be a supper, square dancing, and exchange of small gifts—grab-bag style. All those interested in the activities of the Student Christian Association and who would like to become members, are cordially invited to make known their desire to Virginia Harpell, the president, or to Mr. Osborne, the faculty adviser.

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

Le Cercle Français is in full swing for the 1950-51 season with a membership of about seventy. At the first meeting on November 1 the members, one-third of them nurses, were cordially welcomed by Stanley Warner, acting chairman. The business of the club was discussed, then Miss McKelligett told the members about the Club's adopted god-child, Annie Meriadec, who lives in Brittany, France. For five years the members have been sending food and clothing packages to her; this year, as usual, the Christmas package of toys and clothing was sent. A song session with Lorraine Plante at the piano followed. Refreshments closed the program.

For the annual Christmas program on December 8th, the Sophomores presented a play, Le Tombeor de Notre Dame. This was followed by a party—exchanging gifts with the aid of Père Nöel. President Cecilia Houle's committees for this program were as follows: Stanley Warner, Tree Chairman; Edgar Langevin, Jean Grenier, Doris Rondeau, Jacqueline Lupien, Claire Owens, Assistants; Joan Wall, Program Chairman; Lorraine Plante, Phyllis MacIssac, Assistants; Irene Foisy, Decorations; Adrena Oghidanian, Refreshments Chairman; Carol Hoey, Yolande Arsenault, Joan Rindfleisch, Barbara Egan, Patricia Cunningham, and Mary Simonelli, Assistants.

The officers of Le Cercle Français are: Cecilia Houle, President; Marjorie O'Malley, Vice-President; Irene Foisy, Secretary; Stanley Warner, Treasurer; Adrena Oghidanian, Social Chairman.

A. C. E.

The Association for Childhood Education had a rare treat at their November meeting. Mary Alice and Sally Ann McCarthy told, in a delightful manner, of their interesting and entertaining summer in Europe. Their collection of souvenirs was fascinating.

A new feature of A. C. E. is its board. This board includes the officers and two members from the sophomore, the junior, and the senior classes. These newly elected members of the Board are: Mary Jane Harvey and Eleanor Burns from the sophomore class, Mary Lou Cheney and Virginia Harpell from the junior class, and Lillian Cederlund and Hazel Drapeau from the senior class. These members will work in conjunction with the officers to plan the meetings. All these meetings stress good educational practices for young children.

The Christmas party on December 12th was fun for everyone.

FACULTY ASSEMBLIES

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all the school, but now many want the faculty to once again do their share of entertaining. So come on, "profs", help out the chapel period by returning Faculty day to us!

SPORTS

By ROBERT SULLIVAN

Teachers Bow to Assumption 53-51

Playing perhaps their greatest game in two seasons, the State Teachers College five bowed to a fast breaking Assumption quintet 53-51, before 150 partisan fans in the Greyhounds gym, December ninth.

The teachers showed great improvement over their initial performance against the alumni. The Lancer ball-handling, play making, and set shooting was superb. Co-Captain Donald Howard received 20 points, the majority on 35 foot set shots. Paige Rowden played a standout game off the boards, and his defense maneuvers completely baffled the Assumption team. Every member of the squad played a truly magnificent game. It is hard to single out any one ball player for honors. All should be proud of their performance.

Assumption jumped into an early lead, and at the ten minute mark led the Lancers 13-7. The second quarter was all State Teachers as the Lancers outscored the Greyhounds 19 to 11, to pull into a 26-24 point lead at half time. A brilliant set shot by Donald Howard, with ten seconds remaining in the first half, provided the two point cushion.

MUSIC APPRECIATION CLUB

On Friday, December 8, the Music Appreciation Club presented their annual Christmas party. The main attraction at this meeting was the program of the rhythm band of the kindergarten from Tatnuck School, under the direction of Miss Edith Van Buskirk.

The children were most entertaining and showed obvious poise and good training. They joined with other members of the club in community singing, as well as in community eating. Over ninety people in all participated in the affair.

The members of the organization who deserve the credit for making the party such a success are: Ruth McTighe, Martha Nason, Jean Boyce, Ann Moffit, and Rita Powers. They were ably assisted by other members of the organization.

LITERARY CLUB

On the evening of December 8, Father James Brennan, professor of Shakespearean literature at Holy Cross College, lectured to a group of approximately twenty students on his interpretations of Shakespeare's *Tempest*. The listeners were given a glimpse of Shakespeare's personal life, as it affected his writing. Father Brennan enhanced his review by his own philosophical observations. Refreshments were served.

In January a party will be held in the college cafeteria. The committees will be composed of: Beverly Brodeur, Mary Perry, Charlotte Ingram, and Raymond Strickland.

Lancer Court Team Faces Toughest Schedule in History

Nineteen Games Listed to Date

The Lancer basketball team 1950-51 edition, led by Coach Jack Eager and Co-captains Donald Howard and Leo Bohigian, will be out to better last season's record of seven wins and eleven defeats, but the squad will be facing some of the best small college and military basketball teams in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The starting Teachers quintet is still in doubt with all positions hotly contested between incoming freshmen and veteran hoopmen. Co-captains Howard and Bohigian head a nucleus of eight returning lettermen. Howard was last season's high scorer, hooping two hundred forty one points in eighteen games. He will be out to better his last year's total this season.

The enlarged enrollment at State Teachers College this year should guarantee capacity crowds for all home games. The team needs everyone's support—faculty and students alike; so let's all unite behind Coach Eager and the basketball team.

FRESHMAN COMMITTEE

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Music: Margaret Carty, Chairman, Patricia Goguen, Elmer Haskell, William Simmons, and Clinton Boutwell.

Decorations: Peggy Ann Scanlon, Chairman, Hubert Barry, Donald Brown, Grace Creedon, Virginia Dolan, Bernard Hanlon, John Kearney, Thomas Gibbons, Margaret McMaster, Adele Nalepa, Mary Perry, Lorraine Plante, Gertrude Cooney, Robert Beauregard, Mary Whalen, Donald Duffy, Anna Weber, Shirley Kujala, Nancy Jones.

Dance Orders: Jane Grady, Chairman, Kathleen Mayo, Grace Adjelelian, Mary Celona, Jacqueline Lupien, Doris Rondeau, John McMenemy, Bernard Hanlon, Thomas King, Richard Dymek, Dorothy Doon, Patricia Cunningham, Eileen Gould, Dorothy Zailsky, and Barbara Szczepanek.

Chaperones: Carol Hoey, Chairman, Paulina Peters, Janet Ostergard.

Publicity: John Kearney, Chairman, William O'Brien, Claire Abrazinski, Douglas Weeks, Paul Maloney, and Patricia O'Connell.

DR. EARL B. SHAW

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member of the Executive Board of that organization. Worcester has also shared in the profits of his administrative work. For the past six years, Dr. Shaw has served as Chairman of the Worcester branch of the Foreign Policy Association.

We at S. T. C. certainly have every right to feel proud of our most successful and accomplished director of Geography.

The Acorn

"Big Oaks From Little Acorns Grow" *"The Child Is Father of the Man"*

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FAREWELL SENIORS! WELCOME ALUMNI!

CAST OF THE PLAY "GOOD-BYE MY FANCY"

"Goodbye, My Fancy", a three-act comedy by Fay Kauin was presented to an eager audience by the Dramatic Society under the direction of Miss Kathryn O'Donnell, society sponsor, April twenty-second.

The story is of Agatha Reed, a congresswoman, returned to her alma mater, in this case the fictitious Good Hope College, and concerns the various events leading up to the conferring of an honorary degree upon Miss Reed during commencement weekend.

Marguerite Looney appeared as Agatha Reed, the Congresswoman who had once been expelled from Good Hope. With kindly sarcasm, Miss Woods (or "Woody") played by Margaret Burke, lent a certain charm to the play. Paul Latino appeared as the ever reproachful and eager Life photographer, who vied with Donald Falvey, as Dr. Merrill, for the affections of Congresswoman Reed. Dr. Pitt was enacted by Norman Najemy, and the ever-conscientious Miss Shakleford, with her: "Organization! Organization! We'll never get by this weekend without organization!" was played by Janet Ostergard. As Virginia Merrill, Mary Jane Harvey gave an excellent enactment to the sympathetic Ginny, who was quite confused with life. Jane Grady was the ever present roommate. Mary Nell assisted Ginny in preparing for the nostalgic Miss Reed.

The shy Miss Birdeshaw, and equally shy Professor Dingley, were treated by Cecilia Houle and Harry Howard.

The numerous other members of the cast were equally well chosen for their respective characterizations.

It is to be noted that through the splendid direction of Miss O'Donnell, the college play has been one of the focal points of the college's social year.

Mr. George Foxall, drama critic of the Worcester Telegram and Gazette, has truly spoken of Miss O'Donnell with great respect, giving tribute to her marvelous direction of the play.

We at the school have long recognized the excellence of Miss O'Donnell's work.

The members of the cast in order of appearance were as follows:

Ginny Merrill, Mary Jane Harvey; Amelia, Eileen Cullinane; Clarisse, Dolores Lord; Mary Nell, Jane Grady; Miss Shakleford, Janet Ostergard; Janitors, George Flanagan and Robert Sullivan; Telephone man, James Leland; Susan, Dorothy Doon; Grace Woods, Margaret Burke; Agatha Reed, Marguerite Looney; Ellen Griswold, Edna Skyten; Prof. Birdeshaw, Cecilia Houle; Carol, Ann Joudrey; Jo, Irene Butkiewicus; Dr. Pitt, Norman Najemy; James Merrill, Donald Falvey; Prof. Dingley, Harry Howard; Matt Cole, Paul Latino; Claude Griswold, Charles Burack.

To You, Seniors!

"Memory's pictures rise before you,
Happy scenes of other days,
Loved ones, dear friends, old companions
Smile on you with rapturous gaze."

Four long years ago, you were welcomed at State Teachers as young Freshmen, eager to climb the rugged road to your career. Today, you stand ready to receive your diplomas, a sign of happy work and loving days, of dear friendship and sweet memories. In the midst of this beautiful scene, in the presence of friendly faces, the meaningful beauty forms a moving and vivid picture that will remain indelibly in your memories and in your hearts.

Studies at State Teachers seemed difficult, especially during exam weeks, but you trudged through them and led the way for us undergraduates to follow. Scholarship teas, parties, proms, socials—all fill your thoughts with memories never to be forgotten. Freshmen who needed help or guidance were lovingly and laughingly straightened out and started on the right road. Friday assemblies, which at times seemed hard work, now take a prominent place in your memory book, as do class trips and plays.

We, the undergraduates, hope that you carry away pleasant memories of us, who will always have fond recollections of the class of '51. May your days be chiefly sunny, with no sorrow except as gentle as the April rain. When it is toward evening, and life is drawing to a close; when the shadows lengthen and deepen; and the silver of your graduation day is transmuted to the gold of riper years, may your happiest memories be those of the days you spent on the campus of your Alma Mater!

Greetings To The Alumni

It is always a great pleasure to give greetings to the members of the Alumni. It has been my distinct satisfaction in this present school year, now drawing to a close, to have received many visits from graduates of this college. For some, it was the first visit in many years. One of these said, "I realize now that one gets out of something exactly what she puts into it. Prior to this year I had not been back for many years. At the many functions which I have attended this year I could not but think of the enjoyment of which many graduates were depriving themselves." The welcome mat is always out for members of the Alumni.

I wish to thank the officers and members of the Alumni for their many letters and kind words of encouragement, and their active participation and attendance at our college functions of this past year. I hope that you will continue to be proud of your college, just finishing its seventy-seventh year of existence. I hope that this past year has been a happy one for you and wish you an enjoyable Alumni Day and a pleasant summer.

EUGENE A. SULLIVAN

President Eugene A. Sullivan was elected Secretary of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers in the annual April meeting of that organization. This organization, over thirty years old, is composed of more than seventy-five Teacher Colleges, Schools of Education, and Departments of Education of universities in the New England States, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia.

Parent-Student Tea

One of the red letter days on this month's calendar was Wednesday, May 16. The occasion was the Parent-Student Tea, held in the college cafeteria. At this time the student body was host to mothers of students, many of whom visited our school for the first time.

Class officers who served as pourers and hostesses were: Eva Andreopolis, Ann Doyle, Joan Barry, Ann Whalen, Rosemary Norton, Irene Brierly, Mary Burke, and Patricia Dalton.

Mr. Donald Falvey acted as master of ceremonies for a short musical program. Soloists were Jacqueline Lupien, Vincent Mara, and Shirley Dodge. Miss Eileen Basilierre and Miss Rita Powers were accompanists.

M. I. S. L. MEETS AT SMITH

Seven students from W. S. T. C. met with students from other Massachusetts colleges for the first annual Massachusetts Intercollegiate Student Legislature, on May 10 and 11. Originally scheduled for the Capitol at Boston, the meeting was held at Smith College, when the legal action necessary to hold it in Boston was not forthcoming.

Registration of delegates took place between 10:00 and 11:00 A.M., followed by separate sessions of both House and Senate. At noon in a Joint Session the assembly was officially opened by Pres. Benjamin Wright of Smith College, who expressed the welcome of the college and the necessity of sound thinking by collegians on political problems. The students then departed to partake of a box lunch before returning for committee meetings which began at 2:00 P.M.

As with actual legislatures, bills, student prepared, were sent to committees where they were first read in a Public Hearing at which sponsors were allowed to speak, then in Executive Session behind closed doors. Since time was an important factor, all committee hearings included members from both Houses. A breakdown of State Teachers students at these hearings reads: Sen. Robert Barros—Education; Rep. David Kerr—Judiciary; Sen. Richard Clifford (Committee Chairman) and Reps. Helene Manning, Peggy Looney, Bernard Dayutis, and Walter Barokas — Ways and Means, Public Welfare, and Cities. Between 15 and 20 delegates sat in each of the four committees, with State Teachers lacking representation in a Constitutonal Law committee. These sessions ran from two to six P.M., with a two hour evening recess until ten P.M., at which time decisions were to have been reached on all bills that would be voted upon the following day.

During the second day the students, as "senators" and "representatives", met in their respective houses to debate the committee bills. A variety of subjects was considered—a proposal to make

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Editorial

"More and more teachers still desperately needed." This type of comment can be read or heard almost every day of the week during these times. The educational profession has reached heights which have placed it in the spotlight of the entire nation! It must be kept before that spotlight as long as it is possible to keep it there!

As our college days become fewer, we should become increasingly aware of the position of our profession. We should do everything that we possibly can to elevate the profession, to lift it higher in the minds and hearts of the people of this nation. Good teaching is a cornerstone of all progress, in whatever fields of endeavor man wishes to make his mark. This nation has reached its present heights largely with the aid of education.

Not to take advantage of our present position would be utter folly, for now more aptly than ever we can show the people how much education has helped them. It is easier because people must listen to us now, where twenty years ago they did not need to heed us. An example must be set and carried out, immediately, if we are to make a permanent impression upon the minds of our people. They must be made to remember the importance of the teacher in society, and they must be willing to give us greater attention when we help with community activities.

We must not fail in promulgating the ideals of all good teaching. We must also be willing to set the proper example for the public to follow. These are the times when we must show the world our determination to keep the teaching profession at the height that it should always have held in the attitude of mankind.

In Retrospect

It is with great humility, and just as great pride, that I look back on the work of the school newspaper for the current academic year.

Starting late, and with a new faculty adviser, THE ACORN got off to a good start with an enlarged and more eager staff. As is the case with all groups, some of the buff was worn off, and the staff lost some of the new ones who did not see any glamor in trying to get out a school publication.

Finances early became a very great problem to the paper, that was supposed to have printed six issues, according to the Editor-In-Chief. It was finances only that kept the paper from appearing six times. Actually the paper has printed four issues, a fact which shows a progressive gain over previous years. If there is any possibility of the financial set-up improving, THE ACORN will publish an issue a month during the next school year.

All types of school activities were spoken of as the year progressed: from assemblies to sports. The Christmas issue featured interesting and well written selections suitable to the occasion and raised the paper to a literary high.

I hope that THE ACORN has pleased the majority of its readers, and I want you to know that we have enjoyed working hard to bring you the best possible in school news items.

VINCENT J. MARA

THE ACORN Wishes Everyone a Happy Vacation!

M. I. S. L. Meets At Smith

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insanity grounds for divorce in the Commonwealth, a bill establishing a commission to study the advisability of providing legal aid and counsel to needy Massachusetts residents, a proposal legalizing gambling and requiring the annual licensing of gamblers, with a $200 license fee and a 40% tax on income derived from gambling, a bill to allow married women to teach in Massachusetts schools on an equal standing with men.

The semi-formality of the committee hearings was replaced by complete adherence to *Robert's Rules of Order* in the Senate and House meetings, which began at 9:30 A.M. on Friday. Here bills that had been revised once in committees were again given a thorough scrutinizing and amended, voted upon in one chamber sent to the other, and, if further changes had been made, returned. After an hour's recess for lunch, members returned to their respective chambers at two o'clock. The Mayor of Northhampton, Luke Ryan, closed this year's meeting at a Joint Session which began at five P.M. Gov. Dever expressed his regrets that the pressure of Commonwealth business prevented his addressing the body but wished the organization continued success.

The original objectives of the Student Legislature, to bring a greater understanding of Massachusetts' own political problems, and a better knowledge of practical government to the students, were amply covered. A general consensus of opinion among all delegates was that the project was worth as much as many semester government courses. People who had attended many meetings prior to this, but had never heard of *Roberts' Rules*, found themselves constantly interrupted by shouts of, "Point of Order!" when statements needed verification. In the Senate, in order to move business along, a "gag rule" limited Senators to no more than two speeches of no more than ten minutes on each bill, unless permission of the entire body were granted. It is hoped that necessary action will be taken by the State Legislature in Boston to permit students the use of the Capital next year in order that yet another, closer, step to realism be brought to the interested collegians.

The Delegates from Worcester State Teachers College were: Walter Burokas, David Kerr, Marguerite Looney, Bernard Davutis, Robert Barros, Richard Clifford, Helene Manning.

Senior Girl of the Month

LILLIAN CEDERLUND

When people speak of the virtues of being beautiful and blond, who comes to mind—Lillian Cederlund. Lillian is a reliable student with a remarkable bubbling personality. Together with poise, charm, and friendliness we have an unusual combination of beauty and brains. Lillian is often seen on the tennis court, challenging her classmates with certain and adept strokes. Lillian also likes to dance. She was chosen Queen's attendant at the Junior Prom last year. Her humor and diversity will charm the kindergarten class at Malvern Road school in September, where Lillian will begin her official teaching career.

To The Alumni

The college newspaper, THE ACORN, is happy that it is the main link between the Alumni and the present members of the Student-body and Faculty of State Teachers College.

We salute all, especially those of you who continue to take an active interest in the educational and social program of this institution, and urge those of you who have become lax, due to other commitments, to reactivate yourselves and become regular supporters of college functions.

No time in history has equalled the present period for the growth of the educational profession! This college should be ever aware of this part, and should take advantage of the situation. Only if the Alumni is active can this happen! The support of each and every member of the Alumni, combined as a strongly unified body, is absolutely essential at such times as these.

If you have broken away from the college, get back into the fold. Take part in all of the college functions, and take time to check up here at the college to find out where your interests may be placed. During the four years of your life this institution helped to make your days richer and fuller; now it is up to you to keep the program progressive. Be a worker! Help your Alma Mater to become a bigger and better source of the education that is needed to keep America the free and respected nation that it rightfully should be.

A Dedication To All Teachers

"Grace before Teaching". "This is consecration. Nothing less could sear the soul of selfishness. Together we have read a page, the gleanings of an older age; the pool of wisdom has been stirred, I turn to use the written word. And suddenly my heart is hushed before those twenty faces flushed with thinking. Tall, tall angels stand poised for filling high command, tensed for guarding sanctum, where each image enter in—for God is there.

"This is consecration. So great trust enfolded in this mold of dust, I may not mar. Child, child, dear, wait . . . prayer halts this chalk above the slate."

MARY MOURA, S. S. N. D.

Senior Boy of the Month

EDWARD TITUS

Sports, studies, and a well-rounded leisure life all sum up Edward Titus. All these things, plus wit and understanding, merge to give him a well-rounded personality. Meticulous and fastidious as center fielder for the school "nine"; he is also an ace on the tennis courts. We are certain that Edward's sportsman's conduct will lead him on to a brilliant teaching career. Edward's quietness and easy-going nature will be primary requisites in insuring his teaching career at Quincy.

Reflections of a Senior

When a Frosh, Commencement seems far away. As a Senior—will it ever come—and will I graduate?

How much I'm going to miss my favorite people, the "Frosh"!

Will I see my college day friends and have fun again?

How indebted I am to the faculty! beyond payment except to pray for them and to emulate some; improve on others.

All my complaints seem so vain and foolish. My reforms so needless, my anxieties so foolish.

Whether I am really ready to go out into the cold cruel world! (If I am not now; I never shall be!)

How much of an impression I made upon the college!

Am I going to benefit the college?

Where the path of life will lead us?

How many of us (seniors) will come to reunions?

Have I worked to capacity the past years? If I could, would I be better or worse?

I wish that I could have attended the college as it will be. I envy those who will!

By my example will I lead others to my profession?

I will remember:

"Teach children, and not subjects."

I am going to succeed or die in the attempt. I will do my best.

The joy and pleasures of my undergraduate days soon will be gone forever.

The degree is important, the memories fond, the friends and acquaintances many; the connections important!

Is my outlook—cynical, morbid enthusiastic, optimistic, carefree, or what?

Have I been an asset or a liability?

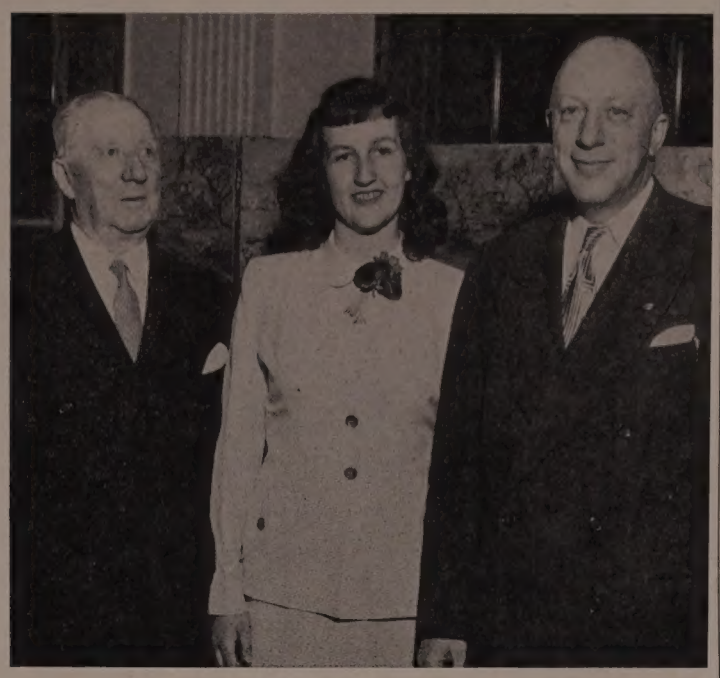
Will I ever forget the tediousness of exams, the anxiety of reports?

Now I know what ambivalent means: I want to go out into the world yet I hate to leave W. S. T. C.

LITERARY CLUB

The Literary club had a very brief business meeting May 18, 1951 to elect officers for the coming year. The returns are as follows: Irene Butkiewicus, president; Gerald Sandler, vice-president; Rita Fitman, secretary; Joan Bryson, treasurer; Mary Perry, social-chairman.

Suggestions were made for more well-known speakers and creative writing to be adapted to the program for the coming year.



THE SCHOLARSHIP TEA
Left to right—George F. Booth, Miss Helene Browne, President Eugene A. Sullivan

Scholarship Tea

Saturday, May 5, our college held its tenth annual scholarship tea. George F. Booth, editor and publisher of the Worcester *Telegram and Evening Gazette*, was guest of honor. Also among the speakers were Mayor Andrew B. Holmstrom and Miss Grace A. Buxton, vice-chairman of the Board of Education

The tea, which supports scholarships for students at State Teachers' College, each year honors a prominent Worcester area resident. Past guests have been "Nancy Burncoat," Esther Forbes, Tryphosa Bates Batcheller, Olive Higgins Prouty, Louisa Dresser, Colonel Robert L. Whipple, Clara Endicott Sears, George I. Rockwood, and Polyna Stoska.

Dr. Earl B. Shaw presided at the program in the auditorium. Preceding the program was a solo by William F. Monroe.

President Eugene A. Sullivan gave the greetings for the college in which he cited Mr. Booth's many contributions to community service.

Mayor Holmstrom also commented on Mr. Booth's many achievements. In his speech he mentioned the fine quality of teachers produced by State Teachers' College.

Miss Buxton represented State Educational Commissioner John J. Desmond, Jr., who was unable to attend because he had been called to a Washington conference.

Helene Browne, member of the class of '53 and recipient of the Alumni Scholarship for this year, spoke on behalf of students who have benefited from the college's scholarship fund.

Dr. Shaw called on Francis L. McGrath, new city manager, who was applauded by the guests.

Mr. Booth, in his speech, suggested to future teachers that they survey their endeavors with a broad outlook, seeing beyond the things immediately at hand to the ultimate objectives of their work. He said that the college had "justified its long career." He mentioned the many State Teachers' students employed part-time by the Telegram and Gazette office, and called attention in particular to Irene Foisey who was later called on by Dr. Shaw to take a bow.

After a solo by William Monroe, guests were received in the rotunda by President and Mrs. Sullivan and Mr. Booth.

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Senior Class Day

Class Marshals—Amelda Burlingame, Russell Carroll.

Class Day Committee—Chairman Mildred M. Tierney; Co-Chairmen Anne M. Sullivan, Marjorie A. O'Malley, Evalee Aaron, Yolande M. Arsenault, Julia A. Brosnihan, Amelda M. Burlingame, Shirley F. Clapp Cecilia J. Daley, Theodore H. Guertin, John W. Hanlon, John F. Hogan William M. Lemoine, Helene P. Manning, Mary P. Moran, Carl F. Nimtz. Barbara L. Sheldon, Raymond S. Strickland, Jr.

PROGRAM

Processional
Address of Welcome ..... Richard T. Herbst
Ivy Address ..... Patricia A. Dalton
Class History ..... Kathleen M. Kelleher
Class Will ..... Margaret M. Burke
Senior Hymn
Words by Shirley M. Dodge
Music by F. S. Van Boskerck
Presentation of Yearbook ..... Ernestine P. Hugo
Presentation of Class Gift ..... Richard T. Herbst
Acceptance of Class Gift ..... President Eugene A. Sullivan
Presentation of Awards and Scholarships
President Eugene A. Sullivan
Investing of Juniors with Caps and Gowns
College Song
Recessional

Junioralities

By ALICE TABER

The variety show, "Junioralities," given by the Class of '52 on May 17, 1951, was a superb combination of light comedy, beautiful music, spectacular dancing, and interesting specialties. The first and last figure, who made the show a success, was none other than James Heuser, the cordial Master of Ceremonies and man of many talents. In the course of the evening, the astonished audience saw this versatile man as a gangster "with glasses", as something closely resembling a grasshopper, as the typical hen-pecked husband, with Peggy Looney doing a remarkable job of henpecking, and lastly as a magician who dared to use a replica of the guillotine with cold-hearted unconcern.

With Irene Brierly and Mary Lou Cheney sitting sweet and demure as though for an old-fashioned tin type, it was small wonder that William Munroe. Bernard Dayutis, and Donald Falvey sang so eloquently, "Shine on Harvest Moon."

A third grader, Michael Fargnoli, who had never had any drum lessons, played several duets with a talented accordionist from the sophomore class, John Cirelli. After their splendid performance together, Michael did an excellent bit of drum routine.

Vincent Mara's rendition of "Without A Song" as he walked in his garden made the sentiment of the song seem very real. That number, and "Thine Alone", a duet by Phyllis O'Connell and Vincent Mara, gave a touch of the sublime to the program.

Art for some is drudgery, but for talented Rosemary Norton it is an effective medium for story-telling. Through her "Chalk Talk" the audience learned of a trip to the U. N. and the person's impression of the Russian delegation.

In a typical setting, Barbara Bucca and Stanley Wolosz were Chimp and Monk to the tune of "Aba Daba Honeymoon." The two stars sang and somersaulted in great style and were supported by an able jungleland chorus.

If it is rhythm you are looking for, Patricia Herbst and Paul Latino are the authorities. First in a fast Charleston number these talented juniors showed how it is done. Then in a beautiful ballroom number, they showed that dancing can be both ethereal and rhythmical.

Thomas Cotter's "Professors, Please" effectively transported the audience to Dr. Farnswoth's "main tent", Mr. Riordin's personalized classroom ("Did you do the dishes for your mother last night?"), and Dr. Shaw's discussion of farming versus teaching—complete with mid-western accent.

It appears that Barbara Foley and Jean Lacoy were tempted by Dr. Shaw's talks on farming. For an outstanding tap dancing act which showed the lighter side of farm life, they are to be congratulated.

In a romantic mood, Claire Abraziniski's solos and those of Donald La Rochelle were feelingly rendered. Theresa Burke and William Munroe's song and dance number, "Rosie" added the minstrel show effect. William Hebert's "strictly off the record" performance was worthy of the contract he fictitiously received. Credit should be given also to the accompanists, Eileen Basiliere, Eleanor Dragonetti, Theresa Burke, and William Shunney.

Acting before a capacity audience, the juniors gave a show which gave evidence of unusual talent. However, it was not talent alone that made "Junioralities" a success. The show would not have been possible without the persevering and co-operative spirit which has made the junior class famous.

A Sophomore Reminisces

By ROBERT SPAYNE

It seems as though it were only yesterday, that we, the class of '53, returned to school as upperclassmen. We were sophomores, prepared for better or for worse. Under our elected class sponsor, Miss Kendrick, we treated the freshmen to a successful Freshmen-Sophomore dance, at which time, we were introduced to them. The frosh became an important part of college life.

The week of October third was full of fun, for this was Class Week. Each class had a special assembly, which proved the genius of the students at S. T. C.

The All-College Dance, under the patronage of the Student Council and its adept adviser, Dr. Winslow, was well attended.

Then, under the careful guidance of the Juniors, who hold the first prom of the year, many of us purchased tickets. Refreshments, which were served in the cafeteria, were especially enjoyable, perhaps because of the informal night club arrangement.

Before we knew it, Christmas was upon us After enjoying an excellent, well-rounded Christmas Concert by the combined glee clubs, we left for our homes, some to enjoy themselves, some to work, and some of the more conscientious to prepare for Mid-Years.

The last week of January, and the first week of February, were busy weeks. On the evening of January thirtieth, the glee clubs presented their annual concert. This affair was well received by a very appreciative audience.

On the evening of February second, the Class of '54 played host at its first college prom, Cupid's Caper. The motif was hearts and cupids in honor of St. Valentine's. The dance was attended by about 75 couples, and was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, Miss Gilbert, and Miss McKelligett.

The month of March was restful, if not socially active, but on April fourth, the Men's A. A., under committee chairman Frank Biscardi, sponsored a Men's Smoker. Speakers at this smoker were Mr. Thomas Higgins, oldest alumnus; President Sullivan; Dr. Farnsworth; Mr. Osborne; and Mr. Jones. "The Three Salesmen", under Jim McSherry's patronage, completed an interesting evening.

The Dramatic Society, under the expert guidance, and instruction of Miss O'Donnell, presented a delightful play, "Good-Bye My Fancy", on Thursday evening, April twenty-sixth. The group performed before a capacity audience.

April twenty-seventh was Open House Day, at which time, potential members of next year's Freshman Class were introduced to college life in an educational institution.

The month of May was a very very, important time of our college year, because three very enjoyable affairs were held. The first affair was held on the afternoon of May fifth! Scholarship Tea. Under the leadership of Dr. Shaw and his committees, the tea, honoring George F. Booth, was a financial, as well as a pleasant success.

May eleventh marked the date of the Sophomore Formal, which had, as its decorative effect, the electrically controlled "Storm of Colors". Miss Cecile Houle was elected Queen of the May. She had as her court two girls elected from each class. About one hundred and ten couples attended. The chaperones were: Mrs. Estelle Smith; Mr. and Mrs. John Bryson; and Miss Grace Kendrick.

The final social event was the Parent Student Tea, under the guidance of Miss Elizabeth Barlow. The tea was held on the afternoon of May sixteenth, and was well attended.

A treat was in store for everybody who attended the "Junioralities", a musical, which was sponsored by the Junior Class. It was the first of its kind to be produced at S. T. C., emceed by Jimmy Heuser. The date was Thursday evening, May seventeenth.

As I reminisce, I wonder if next year will be as wonderful as this year. Perhaps it will be better. But we are no longer Sophomores. We are now Juniors. Then we will be Seniors, before we know it. To Where, oh where, does time fly?

W. A. A.

The Women's Athletic Association has elected the following officers to lead them through 1951-1952: President, Rosemary Norton; Vice President, Joan Bryson; Secretary, Cherie Sassoon; Treasurer. Adrena Oghidanian.

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Tea was served in the cafeteria which was decorated in a Spring garden theme.

Eileen E. Basiliere and Rita M. Powers played organ music throughout the tea.

CLUB NEWS

Active Year for French Club

On May 1 the French department under the guidance of Miss Marguerite McKelligett presented an inspiring and impressive assembly in observance of Paris' 2,000th anniversary. Cecilia Houle conducted the exercises entirely in French, thus adding effect to the program. Chairman of the central committee for local celebration in Worcester, Mrs. Charles T. Tatman, complimented the French department for its wonderful interest and its exhibition.

The Freshmen presented a play in colorful costumes,—each girl representing a province of France. The cast was composed of: P. Peters as Paris, P. Cunningham as Toulouse, F. Tancrell as Lyon, D. McLoughlin as St. Etienne, D. Rondeau as Rouen, C. Hoey as Le Havre, G. Creedon as Bordeaux, J. Grady as Marseille, P. Scanlon as Nantes, V. Dolan as Rennes, M. Celona as Strasbourg, B. Szczepanik as Lille, E. Gould as Nancy, and K. Mayo as Nice. No French club program would be complete without the usual refreshments, which were served during the noon hour in the French room In this room, and in the rotunda during the whole week, were displays of rare books, paintings, tapestries, articles made in France, or about France. An exquisite copper plaque of Jeanne d'Arc was loaned by a friend. Some of these posters and projects were the work of students. A favorite was the Arc de Triomphe, sculptured from soap.

The following week the election of officers was held. Cecilia Houle now turns the Presidency over to Stanley Warner; Vice-President is Irene Foisy; Secretary, Barbara Eagan; Treasurer, Robert Beauregard; Social Chairman, Adrena Oghidanian.

To install the officers the annual banquet was held at "The Meadows", in Framingham, on May eighth. In this beautiful setting the thirty-seven who attended enjoyed a delicious meal (especially the pecan rolls) and the rhythmie music of Larry Green and his orchestra. It was a pleasure to have two of our alumni there,—Ellen McKeon and Anne Marie Owens, former President and Secretary respectively of Le Cercle Français.

The club presented Miss McKelligett a gift for her untiring efforts and her contributions in making the year 1950-51 another successful one. A brooch was given to Cecilia Houle in appreciation of her fine work as President.

As the school year draws to a close, Le Cercle Français wishes you Bonnes Vacances!

Hail and Farewell Seniors!

Newman Club Selects Officers for Coming Year

Patricia Herbst was chosen to be President of the Newman Club for 1951-1952. Pat had little or no competition from her two opponents, Fran Kelliher and William Hebert. Ed Cooney outran his competitors to be chosen the Vice President. John "Red" Durkin was voted the Treasurer; and Grace Creedon Secretary.

Fr. David E. Bushey, the Club Chaplain, gave a brief preview of what the future would bring to the organization. He stated that we would have an even more active Club than in previous years. He thanked the retiring officers for all their endeavors and congratulated the new officers.

Plans were made for dressing a child for First Holy Communion.

Fr. Bushey laid tentative plans for a Reception for the Seniors at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

Student Christian Association

The Student Christian Association held its election of new officers May fourth. The officers for next year are as follows: Virginia Harpell, president; Thomas Todd, vice-president; Patricia Palmer, secretary; and Shirley Kujala treasurer.

A fitting finale for the club's religious and social activities will be a supper at Virginia Harpell's home in Princeton. At that time a well-known religious speaker will address the group. Following the supper there will be games and square dancing.

Assn. for Childhood Education

On May 4, 1951 the Association for Childhood Education elected its officers for the next school year. The new officers are as follows: Mary Lou Cheney, president; Theresa Burke, social chairman; Dorothy McGauley, secretary; and Mary Jane Harvey, treasurer.

To climax a successful and eventful year A. C. E. held a banquet at Franklin Manor, in West Boylston, May eighth, at seven o'clock. The menu featured Swordfish and Chicken a la King. After the dinner, the installation of new officers took place, followed by charades and games under the direction of Barbara Bucca, with musical selections by Phyllis O'Connell, Katherine Burns, and Elizabeth Burns. Mary Jane Harvey gave a monologue.

BASEBALL BITS

By Bob Sullivan

April 18: Lancers Slam Salem Teachers 20 to 4

Unleashing a twenty-two hit attack upon three Salem pitchers, the high powered Lancer nine roared to a decisive 20 to 4 win over hapless Salem at Logan Field before 100 Lancer supporters.

Salem opened the top half of the first by scoring 2 runs from Lancer twirler Tony Shooshan, but that proved too small as the home club stormed back with 5 big runs in the bottom half of the first, 3 more in the second, 4 more in the fifth, 3 more in the 6th and 7th innings, and finishing their work for the day by producing 2 more runs in the last half of the eighth.

Pitcher Tony Shooshan and shortstop Bobby Mullins led the Lancer hit parade, each garnering 4 hits apiece. Shooshan limited the Salem lads to 9 hits over the long 9 inning route. After this overwhelming victory it looks as if the Lancers should have a very successful season on the diamond.

April 23: Lancers Overwhelm Leicester Jr. College 11 to 7

In a game that went only three innings, by time agreement, the Lancers hopped on two Leicester pitchers for 11 runs, which proved to be enough to win the abbreviated contest. Third baseman Russ Carroll was the top swinger, with 2 hits in as many trips. Don Duffy was the winning pitcher relieving Dick Dimick in the second. State scored 4 runs in the first, three in the second, and 4 more in the third to win.

April 27: Lancers Rip Worcester School of Business Science

Pouring across 21 runs in a seven inning game, the Eager nine made it three straight wins at the expense of Worcester School of Business Science. Ed Titus and Russ Carroll led the Lancer offense as each blasted a home run. Andy O'Connell poled a long triple to left center as his contribution to the hit parade. Don Duffy racked up his 2nd win of the season as he completely mastered the Businessmen.

April 30: Lancers Belt Suffolk University 19 to 9

Teeing off to the tune of 9 runs in the first inning, the Lancers coasted to an easy win over the Suffolk Lawyers 19 to 9. Russ Carroll and Vic Hagger paced the Lancer attack, each gathering three singles in five appearances at the platter. Tony Shooshan was again winning pitcher limiting the Lawyers to but nine hits. The big Lancer bats boomed out 19 runs on 14 hits.

May 1: Lancers Bury Curry 15 to 1

Hammering out 15 runs in four innings, the Lancer machine rolled over hopeless Curry at Lake Park today. Pitcher Don Duffy limited the "Actors" to a lone hit and Russ Carroll powered the offense as he blasted a home run and a double out on Lake Avenue. It was Carroll's second homer of the current season. Don Duffy drove in 4 big runs to help along his own cause. It was the third win in a row for Duffy.

May 2: Junior College Edges Lancers 9 to 6

For the third consecutive year in a row, the mystic spell that the Junior College nine holds over the Lancer club rang true. This time the Lancers were toppled from the unbeaten ranks 9 to 6.

With Tony Shooshan toeing the mound for his second appearance in three days, the Junior nine jumped into a three run lead in the first inning. The Lancers bounced back into the ball game, tying the score at five all in the fifth inning, but Shooshan tired in the sixth, and the Junior College nine countered with four big runs. State added one more in the seventh, but the rally was nipped by some good Junior College fielding. Tony Shooshan suffered his first setback of this campaign.

May 8: Lancers Squeak by Leicester 11 to 9

Blasting out 8 runs in the first inning was not enough to beat a never say die Leicester nine. The Lancers were extended to the very last inning. It proved that the insurance runs were needed in the final analysis of the game.

Co-captain Russ Carroll poled a triple, a double, and a single; and Art Chaves contributed a home run and two singles. Don Duffy was winning pitcher, but he required assistance from Tony Shooshan in racking up his fourth win of the season.

May 10: Fitchburg Belts Lancers 19 to 11

In an old-fashioned slugfest Fitchburg Teachers outlasted the Lancers 19 to 11. There were a total of 39 hits in the ball game, ten of which went for extra bases. Co-Captain Russ Carroll, Art Chaves, and Franny Gunville were the leading stickers for the Lancers, each blasting out four hits apiece. Worcester scored two runs in the first, one each in the second and third, four in the fourth, and three more in the ninth inning. Gene Rheault went the distance for Fitchburg, while Tony Shooshan and Don Duffy shared pitching chores for the Lancers.

May 14: Junior College Again Edge Lancers 6 to 4

In one of the best played games of the season, the Lancers went down to their third defeat of the season at the hands of the Junior College nine. The score was three all, entering the last inning, but three walks and two scratch singles scored three runs for the Junior College club, which proved to be enough to win. The Lancer power-house which has scored 115 runs in eight games was able to produce only four one base hits to support Don Duffy's seven hitter. The hit producers were Don Howard, Art Chaves, Paul Fridrych, and Bob Sullivan.

May 21: Lancers Rally to Whip Westfield Teachers 10 to 6

After a two weeks' rest Tony Shooshan returned to his old form and promptly stood a strong Westfield team literally on its ear, as he notched his third win of the season. Tony pitched and batted the Lancers to victory coming through with 9 strike outs, a double and a single, producing 5 of the ten Lancer runs.

The Lancers battled from a 4 to 2 deficit, with a four run fourth, then wrapped up the contest with a four run fifth, all runs coming after two were out in the fifth.

The Lancer record is now 7 victories and 3 defeats, with but one game remaining to be played. That game is scheduled to be played at Fitchburg, May 30. The Lancers intend to avenge an early defeat. If Tony Shooshan is right, I predict that the Lancers will upset the Fitchburg nine come May 30th.

DEBATING CLUB

At the meeting of May twenty-second, the Debating Club conducted elections, the results of which are as follows:

President, Mr. Richard Clifford; Vice-President, Miss Rita Fitman; Secretary, Miss Mary Simonelli; Treasurer, Miss Irene Butkiewicus; Social Chairman. Bernice Gorman.

Kappa Delta Pi Elects New Members and Installs New Officers

On Friday evening, May eighteenth, in an impressive ceremony, the Gamma Chi chapter of the National Educational Society for Honor Students elected seventeen new members and installed its officers for the coming school year. Miss Ruth E. McTigue, the groups outgoing President, was in charge. Mr. Osborne, the faculty advisor to the society, welcomed the new members and supplied them with the background of the society. Guests included Dr. and Mrs. Shaw, Dorothy Fancy, George Josephs, and Mary Londergan. Miss Londergan spoke on the new Alumni group that is being formed as an aid to the school unit.

Carl Nimtz spoke on his experiences as a member of the Honor Guard for General Douglas MacArthur during the second World War.

The officers elected were: Paul Menard, President; Patricia Herbst, Vice-President; Eilleen Basiliere, Secretary; Donald LaRochelle, Teasurer; and Irene Foisey, Recorder-Historian.

New members elected included: Shirley Clapp, Cecilia Houle, Marguerite Looney, Shirley Makela, Regina Shuber, Victor Haggar, and Donald Howard, seniors; and Miss Basiliere, Miss Foisey, Miss Herbst, Ruth Sadick, Alice Taber, Mr. LaRochelle, Vincent Mara, Mr. Menard, William Shunney, and Thomas Todd, juniors.